1. In my judgment Embassy should not Rpt not recommend to King Hussein that he issue at this time warning to PFLP along lines suggested Ref Tel.

2. Position on the ground is quite clear. A relatively few PFLP FEDAYEEN are holding the airplanes, and JAA has established perimeter around the area. PFLP men are now quite exposed, in desert, contrary to situation in Amman where JAA is reluctant to fire because of danger to population.

3. If PFLP destroys airplanes and kills hostages, I think JAA will act without urging from USG. DATT shares this view.

4. If we urge King Hussein to threaten PFLP at this point, it might prompt PFLP to do something out of desperation. Recommend therefore that we not Rpt not press King Hussein on this.

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